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# International Reading Association News



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## JANUARY GENERAL MEETING PRESENTATIONS

- ◆ **Assessment FOR and OF Learning: The Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA) K-3** by *Frances D. McDonald*, Reading Improvement Specialist, CDR W. C. McCool Elementary Middle School.
- ◆ **Formative Assessment for the 21st Century: A Framework for Teaching Media-Enriched Students *Dance!*** Discover tips for formative assessment. *Scream!* Examine a framework for teaching students that includes 21<sup>st</sup> century skills. *Weep!* Wonder, "Why?" by *Mrs. Suzette Nelson*, Language Arts-7 / Speech, Andersen Middle School.

## TEACHING ASSESSMENT & EVALUATION

"Teaching is a complex and personal activity that is best assessed and evaluated using multiple techniques and broadly-based criteria. Assessment for formative purposes is designed to stimulate growth, change and improvement in teaching through reflective practice. Evaluation, in contrast, is used for summative purposes to give an overview of a particular instructor's teaching in a particular course and setting. Informed judgments on teaching effectiveness can best be made when both assessment and evaluation are conducted, using several techniques to elicit information from various perspectives on different characteristics of teaching. There is no one complete source for information on one's teaching, and no single technique for gathering it." Source: <http://www.yorku.ca/secretariat/senate/committees/scotl/tevguide.pdf>



Historian, Jen Woodard, with her family.



Treasurer Neldie Pendon-Limtiaco did a wonderful job of emceeing the event!



Cyndy Pruski promoting our visiting author, Eric Ode.



Event Coordinator, Lea Calvo, with our special guest, Clifford.

January Door Prizes



- Ipod Nano
- Yacker-Tracker
- Long-Arm Stapler
- Classroom Timer
- Pack 'n Roll Cart
- 12--in-1 Board Eraser
- Desk Bell
- Apple Clock
- Hole-Punch
- ...and MUCH MORE!!!

MORE BOOK FAIR MOMENTS...



Door Prize Table



Mrs. Calvo-Cruz leads the St. Francis School's Choir



The Gift Wrapping Table Members.

# BOOK EXCHANGE TABLE

Don't forget to bring your books for the Book Exchange! Remember the books go to the Alee Shelter at the end of the school year. Keep the spirit of giving alive even after the Christmas season.

## HELP NEW TEACHERS

Bring material you are not using to help new teachers gain material for their classrooms. If you have retired or have changed grade levels and not using bulletin board items, the-

matic unit books and story books that new teachers can use for their classes bring them to the January meeting so others can use them.

Submitted by Jane Rayphand

# JANUARY MEMBERSHIP SPECIALS!

**JANUARY IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO JOIN IRA AND QUALIFY TO WIN AN ALL-EXPENSE PAID TRIP TO THE INTERNATIONAL READING CONVENTION IN CHICAGO.**

1. FILL OUT ENTRY FORMS AT EACH IRA MEETING.
2. BE OVER 18 YEARS OF AGE.
3. ATTEND THREE MEETINGS ( Be sure to sign in).
4. MUST BE PRESENT AT THE MARCH MEETING TO WIN.
5. AGREE TO (HONOR, ACCEPT) THE TERMS OF ACCEPTANCE:
  - ◆ GIVE A PRESENTATION AT AN IRA MEETING.
  - ◆ SERVE ON AN IRA COMMITTEE THE FOLLOWING YEAR.
  - ◆ BE A RESIDENT OF GUAM THE FOLLOWING YEAR.

**SPECIAL DOOR PRIZE DRAWING—A PORTABLE 7" DVD PLAYER FOR PARENTS, RETIREES, BUSINESS, DAY CARE, and STUDENTS!**

**MEMBERSHIP CONTEST** - Please pick up your chits: Carmen Paulino and Verna Mendiola

Submitted by Sandy Liberty



# RAT 2010—“GO GREEN, GO READ!”



FEBRUARY 6-13, 2010

The Guam Council of the International Reading Association (IRA) is pleased to announce that Read-A-Thon 2010 will be held during the week of February 6 - 13, 2010. This year's theme is "Go Green, Go Read!" This annual, island-wide fundraiser directly benefits the students and teachers from Guam's public and private schools.

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### HOW IS THE MONEY USED?

Over 95% is returned to students, teachers, and their respective schools in the forms of books, prizes, classroom libraries, and teacher grants. The remaining money is used for the operational expenses of our local IRA council, such as: our monthly meetings, author visits, and numerous school and community projects that promote reading and develop literacy.

I would like to thank you in advance for promoting reading within our island community by participating in Read-A-Thon 2010. If you should need further information, please contact Margaret Asuncion at [gogreen.rat10@gmail.com](mailto:gogreen.rat10@gmail.com)

### IMPORTANT DATES

- ◆ January 16—Representatives' Orientation
- ◆ January 30th—Taga'chang Beach Clean Up
- ◆ February 6—General Meeting
- ◆ March 27—Prize Distribution
- ◆ April 10—Spend It All, Spend It Now!

*A Book Can Make a Difference.....*



## RAT 2010 Sneak Peak—Student Prizes

Prize Number	Type	Description
1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Experience the Magic of DISNEYLAND</b>	A Fully Paid Trip to Disneyland in Los Angeles, California for two (one student and one parent/guardian), compliments of Continental Airlines and the Guam Council of the International Reading Association. The prize includes the round trip airfare, lodging, park tickets, and spending money. *(\$1,800.00 minimum to qualify).*
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Sony Vaio Notebook</b>	An essential tool for students on the go. This notebook comes with a carrying case. *(\$1,700.00 minimum to qualify)*
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>32" Flat Screen TV with a Blu-Ray Player</b>	This 32-inch flat screen TV comes with a Blu-Ray Player which enhances your audio/visual entertainment. *(\$1,600.00 minimum to qualify)*
4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Desk Top Computer</b>	An essential tool for the family to join in today's technology and comes complete with a computer desk and an all-in-one printer. *(\$1,500.00 minimum to qualify)*
5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Apple iPod Touch</b>	Listen to music, play games, and watch movies with this iPod. A built-in Wi-Fi allows you to download applications, check e-mail, and surf the web all in the palm of your hand. This includes a \$100 iTunes card. *(\$800.00 minimum to qualify)*
6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Netbook</b>	This light weight and portable netbook is perfect for students who are always on the move. This includes an 8 GB memory stick and printer. *(700.00 minimum to qualify)*
7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Nintendo Wii Game System</b>	A game system that provides fun for the whole family. It includes the game console, two controllers, and a \$100 IRA Software Gift Certificate for Wii games. *(\$501.00 minimum to qualify)*
8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Portable DVD Player</b>	This Portable DVD Player features a widescreen display, built in speakers, and rechargeable battery. This includes a carrying case and a \$75 IRA Software Gift Certificate for DVD's. *(\$501.00 minimum to qualify)*
9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Apple iPod Nano</b>	The freedom of listening to your music on the go, this iPod Nano has a great new feature of a built-in video camera to capture the memories and to share on-line with family and friends. This includes a \$50 iTunes card and a docking station. *(\$501.00 minimum to qualify)*
10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Digital Camera</b>	This digital camera will give you a lifetime of countless, memorable photos. Also included is a memory stick and a camera case. *(\$501.00 minimum to qualify)*

\*NOTE\*: Winners must meet all eligibility requirements for any of the prize categories. **Reading time counts.** No substitutions. If you should have any questions, please contact Margaret Asuncion at 797-5300.



USEFUL LINKS FOR  
ASSESSMENT & EVALUATION

<http://speialed.about.com/od/assessment/a/AandE.htm>

<http://pareonline.net/>

[http://www.thirteen.org/edonline/concept2class/assessment/index\\_sub2.html](http://www.thirteen.org/edonline/concept2class/assessment/index_sub2.html)

<http://teachandlearn.missouri.edu/guide/chapters/evaluation.htm>

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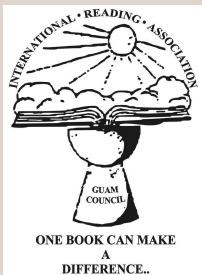
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MEMBERS  
NEEDED TO  
REACH OUR  
GOAL!

**JOIN IRA NOW!**

**There is still time to  
qualify for an all  
expense paid trip to  
the IRA Convention  
in Chicago, IL.**



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# President's Corner



Happy New Year to you all! May 2010 bring you happiness, health, peace, and prosperity.

Our 10th Annual Community Book Fair turned out to be a great success. Many thanks go to Event Coordinator Lea Calvo for her hard work and dedication. Kudos to Neldie Pendon-Limtiaco who did a great job emceeing. I would also like to recognize the continued support from the current board members who have been showing great commitment to our organization. Special thanks to Mr. Larry Borja (Agana Shopping Center), Mr. Joseph O'Connor (DODEA National Junior Honor Society Advisor), his students, Mrs. Nekola Fitzgerald (Notre Dame National Honor Society Advisor), and her students. Patti Quichocho (Agueda Johnston Middle School's Close Up advisor) and Annie Pineda and their students did a wonderful job of manning the Make-N-Take table. The audience was treated to true holiday entertainment from the Agana Heights Elementary's kindergarten classes of Jen Tainatongo, the debut performance of St. Francis Children's Mini-Honor Choir, and the St. Francis Children's Honor Choir under the direction of Cathy Calvo-Cruz. A great Eric Ode read aloud by Cyndy Pruski, volunteers such as the University of Guam's Association for Childhood Education International (ACEI) members who cherished us with face-painting, Andriana Buendicho (Southern High School's Close-Up member), Scholastic's Clifford the Big Red Dog, and our vendors, Vangie Chaco of Southern Creations, Elicia Santo Tomas of School Essentials, PBS Guam's Sonia Suobiron and Leigh Pereda for public television information, as well as Eleanor Artero of Scholastic helped make this event truly memorable. Photos of the event were taken and submitted by Sandy Liberty.

Are you ready to GO GREEN? Many of you have contributed thoughtful and realistic ideas to complement this year's theme. As we turn the page on a new year, our Read-A-Thon is approaching fast. As you know, our theme, "Go Green, Go Read!" follows a number of chapter-wide efforts to be more environmentally conscious such as: creating an electronic newsletter and website to reduce our paper and mailing costs; continuing to recycle teaching and reading materials; as well as sponsoring a beach clean up on January 30th as one of our Read-A-Thon awareness activities.

The board has been working hard to make the author visit by Eric Ode in March a success! I would like to recognize Cyndy Pruski and Martha Sudo for their continual efforts and commitment to this yearly project. Ode will be on island from March 11-20. More information is upcoming.

Finally, our website ([www.iraguam.blogspot.com](http://www.iraguam.blogspot.com)) has grown much in large part to the efforts of Dr. Matilda Naputi Rivera and the various electronic contributions by our board members. We encourage you to take advantage of this site that not only provides information about IRA activities, but also valuable links to educational tools and research.

I look forward to seeing you on January 9, 2010 at The Guam Reef Hotel.

Best,  
**Grace**

## 2010 Calendar of Events—General Membership

8:00-11:00 A.M.

- ◆ January 9—Assessment and Evaluation in the Classroom (Guam Reef Hotel)
- ☑ **February 6—RAT 2010 "Go Green, Go Read!" KICK OFF (OCPES\*)**
- ◆ March 13—Sing Along with Author Eric Ode (Guam Reef Hotel)
- ◆ April 10—Spend It All! Spend It Now! Bonanza (OCPES\*)
- ◆ May 15—Year in Review and Installation of New Officers (Guam Reef Hotel)

\* Ordot-Chalan Pago Elementary School